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SUBJECT: CIEC ORGANIZATION; JANUARY 8 MEETING

1. CANADIAN PERMREP MCLEAN HAS SOUNDED US OUT ON TIMING FOR MEETING OF CIEC FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. CANADIANS HAD EARLIER THOUGHT SUCH MEETING SHOULD PRECEDE JAN. 26 MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMAN BUT NOW THINK POSTPONEMENT MIGHT BE IN ORDER FOR THREE REASONS: (A) FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF ALL 27 MEMBERS AND EARLY MEETING MIGHT GIVE IT SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID; (B) IN DETERMINING A BUDGET, THE PLANS OF THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND THSE PLANS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER FEB. 11; AND (C) MORE TIME MAY BE NEEDED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GUITTON AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SORT OUT THEIR OWN THINKING. MCLEAN SAID HIS THINKING AND THAT IN OTTAWA HAD INDEPENDENTLY BEEN MOVING TO CONCLUSION THEREFORE THAT WE SHOULD SEEK LATER RATHER THAN EARLIER MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND

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ADMINISTRATION. HE PLANNED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT JAN. 8

MEETING OF GROUP OF EIGHT.

2. WE NOTED THAT TEXT OF AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FLEXIBILITY FOR MEETING OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, CALLING ONLY FOR SUCH A MEETING "AT AN EARLY DATE." THESE ARRANGEMENTS ALSO REQUIRED THAT BUDGETARY PROPOSALS BE RECEIVED FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND IT WAS INDEED QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GUITTON WOULD NOT BE READY IN A FEW WEEKS TIME. OUR CONCLUSION ON A PERSONAL BASIS WAS TO AGREE THAT THE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD LATER RATHER THAN EARLIER.

3. ANY WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE TIMING FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED BEFORE THE JAN. 8 G-8 CAUCUS.

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